GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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STEPS TO SOME HANDLOOM WORKERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the plight of the handloom weavers in the country particularly in those States where they are committing suicide due to poverty;

(b) if so, the number of cases of suicides reported during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of workers in the textile industry rendered jobless during the last three years and the number out of those who are at the verge of starvation due to implementation of new economic policy;

(d) whether the Government have taken any decision for formulating/implementing any concrete steps to overcome the difficulties of the handloom weavers in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The Government is aware of some incidents of suicide by Handloom weavers, due to ill health, indebtedness, old age etc.

(b) During the last three years, twenty cases of suicide deaths of Handloom weavers have been reported and all those deaths have been in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Information in this respect is neither available nor feasible to be collected from any quarters.

(d) and (e) The Government of India has already been implementing the following schemes for the development and welfare of weavers in the handloom sector:

(i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.

(ii) Scheme for Supply of yarn at Mill Gate Price

(iii) Setting up of Handloom Marketing Complexes.

(iv) Scheme for Marketing of Handloom Products through Exhibitions and fairs

(v) Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing Scheme

(vi) Cooperative Training Programme

(vii) Research and Development

(viii) National Centre for Textile Design.

(ix) Modified Decentralised Training Programme for Handloom Weavers

(x) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

(xi) Health Package Scheme for Handloom Weavers.

(xii) Thrift Fund Scheme for Handloom Weavers

(xiii) Group Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers

(xiv) New Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers.